(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the revenue loss suffered by Government as a result thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four cases of misuse of telephone lines by certain private companies in Delhi were detected. The misuse was done in connivance with the officials of Delhi Telephones (MTNL). Disciplinary action against these officials has been initiated.

Attempts have been made to realise the defrauded amount from these companies. Out of these one company has paid the full bill. In second case, the company has paid partial payment but for the subsequent bill, they have-gone to the Court. The other companies have disputed the bills raised by the MTNL and have gone to the Court straightaway. The matter is sub-judice and MTNL is defending the bills raised by them.

(c) Out of total bills of Rs. 52,76,619 raised in the 4 cases mentioned in (b) above, Rs. 10,99,685 has been realised. The balance amount will be realised as per decision of the Hon'ble Court.

(d) As in (b) and (c) above.

Experience for private Sector entry in Telecom Service

4. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prescribed minimum experience of operating a telecom network of 5 lakh lines for the submission of tender for private sector entry in telecom service;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for prescribing this condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government does not have this data.

(c) This condition has been prescribed to ensure that quality of telecom services provided by the private operator is of world standard as per the objectives of National Telecom. Policy, 1994.

Inquiry Report on Tapping of Telephones of MPs

5. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: :

(a) whether Government have since received Central Bureau of Investigation's inquiry report on the tapping of telephones of Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date on which it was received; and

(c) The details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Sir, it is presumed that the Hon'ble MP is referring to earlier RSSQ No. 202 for 16-05-90 regarding inquiry into phone tapping. The Department has fulfilled the assurance on 08-05-91 vide copy enclosed as statement. (*See* below). The CBI had submitted its report. The same was handed over to Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha which was looking into the question of tapping of telephones.

(c) The Department has no further information in the matter.

Statement

Date of fulfilment———————

Ministry of Communications

No. and Date	Subject	Promise Made	When and How fulfilled	Remarks
Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 202 dated 16-5-90 by Shri Harvendra Singh Hanspal & Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, M.Ps.	INQUIRY INTO PHONE TAPPING Asking— (a) whether the CBI Inquiry in regard to alleged tapping of telephone and bugging of some Members of Parliament and other leaders has been completed; (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and (c) the follow up action taken by Govt. thereon ?	(c) Action would be taken when report is received.	(c) The CBI has submitted its report. This has been handed over to the Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha which is looking into the question of tapping of telephones.	Extension of time upto 15-2-91 has been sought.

Branch Post Offices in Orissa

6. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many branch post offices have been sanctioned and opened District-wise during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 in Orissa;

(b) how many Gram Panchayats, District-wise in Orissa do not have branch post offices; and

(c) what action Government contemplate to provide postal facilities to all those Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The information as desired is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 1)

(c) Post Offices are opened in rural areas subject to fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources and plan targets. Preference is given to Panchayats without Post Offices. In addition it is proposed to provide basic postal facilities to the people in rural areas through the Gram Panchayats.

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7. **श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :